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**United States Patent Application**  
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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled GASTRIC STIMULATION FOR ALTERED PERCEPTION TO TREAT OBESITY the specification of which:

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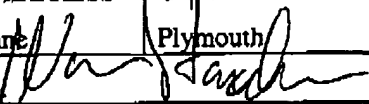
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